

School Meals, Food Allergies and Meal Costs

About School Meals

- School breakfast, after school snack, and after school supper meals are **absolutely free** for ALL DCPS students.
- In the 2015-2016 school year approximately 75 schools will be certified for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which allows all children at those schools to receive lunch meals at no charge.
- For children enrolled at all other DCPS schools a Free and Reduced-price Meal (FARM) Application **must be filled out even if you would like to decline this benefit.**
- Not sure if your child's school is a free-lunch school? Check online at dcps.dc.gov/enroll

Free And Reduced Meal Applications (FARM)

- **2015-16 FARM Applications will be available for families in late June 2015, and cannot be submitted prior to July 1, 2015.**
- Applications will be available in the main office of each eligible school and online in various languages **after July 1, 2015.**
- More information will be sent throughout the year. We are happy to help answer any questions by email at food.dcps@dc.gov , or by phone at (202) 442-5112.

Allergies and Dietary Accommodations

DCPS recognizes that students may have important and varied dietary needs. The "Students with Special Dietary Needs Form" allows parents/guardians to notify schools of their child's dietary needs. **Please note that this form must be filled out every school year because dietary needs change over time.**

Steps in using the Students with Special Dietary Needs Form:

1. **This form requires a licensed medical provider's signature** (except for lactose intolerances which only require a parent/guardian signature).
2. **Forms must be 100% complete and turned in to your school nurse in order for accommodations to be met.**
3. The school nurse will inform school staff and the Office of Food and Nutrition Services of the student's needs to ensure safety at all times.

The "Students with Special Dietary Needs Form" and the "Religious/Philosophical Dietary Accommodations Application" can be found online at: dcps.dc.gov/enroll.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Food and Nutrition Services at: food.dcps@dc.gov, (202) 442-5112, or dcps.dc.gov/enroll.